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(RATSIMANDRESY, DR. CLAUDE)

SUBJ: FY-73 CU FUNDING FOR MALAGASY REPUBLIC

1. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND CU WILL BE REVIEWING FY-73 COUNTRY FUNDING ALLOCATIONS NOW THAT THIRD QUARTER HAS CLOSED, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING

FACTORS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

A) SEEMS TO US PRUDENT RESERVE \$7,000 FOR APPROVED VISIT OF FONMIN RATSIRAKA AND DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS RATSIMANDRESY IN LIEU OF \$1,830 NOW EARMARKED FOR THIER VISIT. WE RECOMMEND LARGER AMOUNT BECAUSE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, IN ADDITION TO U. S. INTERNAL TRAVEL, PER DIEM, ETC., WE MAY HAVE TO FUND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT CHARGES FROM TANANARIVE TO U. S. AND BACK IF IT TURNS OUT VISIT CANNOT BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER TRAVEL OF THESE OFFICIALS.

B) WE ANTICIPATE SHORTLY NOMINATION OF RADIO OFFICIAL FOR IVP VISIT TO U. S. AS RESULT OUR FORMAL NOTE OF INVITATION TO MALAGASY GOVERNMENT AND DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH MINISTER INFORMATION.

C) I HAVE ALSO PROPOSED TO MINISTER CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL

EDUCATION NOMINATION OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL FOR IVP VISIT TO U. S. I ASKED FOR REPLY BY MARCH 31 AND, GIVEN USUAL MALAGASY PENDING FOR COMING THROUGH AFTER DEADLINES, ANTICIPATE RESPONSE SHORTLY.

D) WE ALSO CONTINUING EXPLORE AMERICAN LECTURER FOR AUG 1973 TO MEET REQUEST OF UNIVERSITY OF MADAGASCAR, BUT HAVE NOT YET LOCATED PERSON FILL THIS BILL. FUNDING THIS PROPOSAL COULD PROBABLY AWAIT FY-74.

2. WE HAVE ALSO EXPLORED WITH GOMR NOMINATION TWO YOUNG
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PROFESSIONALS FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL, BUT UNDERSTAND THIS PROGRAM
WILL BE FINANCED OUT OF CU REGIONAL FUNDS IF WE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS.

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